

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 23, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 59 has been cancelled. Claims 60 and 61 have been added. Claims 60 and 61 are pending in this application, with claims 60 and 61 being the independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the file does not contain a Patent Drawing Review by the Patent Office Draftsperson. It is requested that this Review be undertaken and a Review be issued in response to this Amendment.

It is noted that the file does not contain an acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority. It is requested that such an acknowledgment be included in the response to this Amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently herewith (with the appropriate fee) identifying U.S. Patent No. 6,592,712.

In the Office Action mailed November 23, 2005, claim 59 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not being a proper process claim. Claim 59 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 59 has been rewritten as independent claims 60 and 61 to overcome these rejections.

Independent claim 59 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 791 685 ("Silenius").

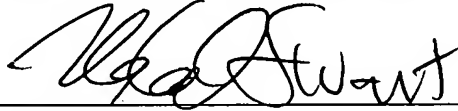
The invention as recited in independent claims 60 and 61 concerns a method of making calcium carbonate by recycling calcium carbonate residue from a deinking process. (see specification, page 6, line 35, to page 7, line 5). Calcium carbonate residue from a deinking process is simply waste. If taken directly from the deinking process, the calcium carbonate residue is very dirty and cannot be used for coating and preparing a white printing surface. In accordance with the invention as recited in new claims 60 and 61, calcium carbonate residue from a deinking process is calcined and only thereafter prepared again to calcium carbonate to form a clean product for use in applying to a paper, board or nonwoven product.

Silenius is silent about deinking or recycling and neither discloses nor suggests anything about recycling calcium carbonate from a deinking process. Silenius also does not disclose or suggest any motivation to process calcium carbonate from a deinking process so that this material can be recycled.

For the foregoing reasons, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn, independent claims 60 and 61 are patentable, and this application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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